

REMARKS

Reconsideration and removal of the grounds for rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 6-12, 14-18, 20-24 and 26-29 were in the application, claims 1 and 10 have been cancelled, and claims 6-9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, and 26-29 have been amended. Claim 22 has been placed in independent form; claim 22 deemed allowable if placed in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Claims 4, 18, 20, 21 and 24 were allowed.

By this amendment, claims 1 and 10 have been canceled, and all the dependant claims have been amended to depend from an allowed independent claim, rendering moot the rejection over the prior art. The dependency of claim 14 has also been corrected.

There being no remaining issues, favorable consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested. However should the examiner believe that direct contact with the applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of the application, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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